

Docket No.: 50073-042



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Hiromoto INOUE : Confirmation Number: 3305
Serial No.: 09/748,137 : Group Art Unit: 2871
Filed: December 27, 2000 : Examiner: Prasad R. Akkapeddi
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The undersigned conducted a personal interview with Patent Examiner Prasad A. Akkapeddi on June 30, 2004. The courtesy of the Examiner in granting the interview is gratefully acknowledged.

During the interview the undersigned explained to the Examiner that Sasuga does not disclose a cushion material that has a frame-like form mounted inside the fitting portion between the case body and the LCD and having an inner surface surrounding the outside edge of the liquid crystal display, in which the cushion material has an outer surface opposing to the fitting portion, and the cushion material is constituted such that the fitting portion between the case body and the LCD cover is pressed by the fact that the LCD element is fitted into the cushion material, as required by claim 1. The undersigned further explained that Sasuga teaches two cushions, one on each of the upper and lower surfaces of the panel, sandwiching the panel, unlike the instant invention where the cushion surrounds the outside edge of the LCD panel.

The Examiner asserted that two-piece rectangular cushion material that are located on the upper and lower surfaces of an article and that further surround the outside edge of the article are known, such as the two-piece Styrofoam packing that cushions DVD players in their shipping boxes. The Examiner also argued that although the Sasuga rubber cushion was not shown, the dark line detail on MFR of Fig. 24 could be a rubber cushion that surrounds the outside edge of the panel (PNL).

The undersigned further explained that Sasuga did not disclose the cushions configured like Styrofoam DVD player protectors or that the dark line detail on MFR of Fig. 24 was a rubber cushion. The Examiner, however, maintained that the claimed cushion configuration was obvious in view of column 18, lines 50-60 of Sasuga.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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